

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q77745

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Appln. No.: 10/674,055

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Examiner: Timothy J. THOMPSON

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For: ILLUMINATION OPTICAL SYSTEM AND EXPOSURE DEVICE USING THE  
ILLUMINATION OPTICAL SYSTEM

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT ON**  
**REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance dated May 17, 2005.

In response thereto, Applicants file this Comments on the Examiner's Statement on Reasons of Allowance.

Applicants submit that the Examiner's Statement on Allowability of the claims includes the general paraphrasing of claim language. Applicants submit that the claims should be deemed allowable based on each of their respective recitations.

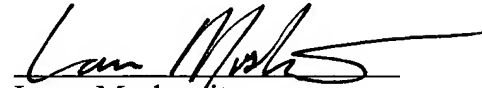
Applicants submit that the claims include various other aspects which provide a separate basis for patentability. The Examiner's statement paraphrases a portion of the subject matter of

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the claims, but each claim should be interpreted using its own precise language, and not the paraphrase summary included in the Examiner's statement.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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